Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 23 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 24 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 23 Feb 2023 at 02:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for rain becoming prolonged for a time Thursday afternoon then clearing to more settled conditions from early Friday into next week.

Headline for Thursday 23 Feb 2023: Dry and bright at first becoming cloudy with rain following later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 23 Feb 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Sunny intervals	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
<05%	10%	60%	70%	80%	80%

Forecast for Thursday 23 Feb 2023

Weather: Dry with clear periods at first. Cloud will spread southeast during the morning with rain following from the afternoon. This rain will be preceded by a little snow above 500m and will become prolonged for a time in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 85% at first lowering to 30% by mid-afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility in the morning with broken cloud above 600m. Cloud lowers to 400m from the morning with the visibility falling to poor in rain from the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/22 N	23/27 SW	28/35 SW	32/41 SW	36/46 W	35/45 W	34/44 W
900	7/10 NW	11/16 W	19/27 SW	21/30 W	26/36 W	24/34 W	23/32 NW
600	9/11 SW	15/18 SW	22/29 SW	26/34 SW	27/36 W	24/33 W	22/31 W
300	4/5 SW	8/10 S	11/18 SW	13/21 SW	14/23 W	16/26 W	16/25 NW
Glen	2/4 NW	3/5 SW	8/17 SW	9/22 SW	11/25 W	11/25 W	11/25 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-4/-12	-4/-12	-2/-10	-1/-10	-0/-9	-0/-8	0/-8
900	-3/-7	-2/-7	-0/-7	1/-6	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4
600	0/-4	1/-4	2/-4	3/-3	4/-2	4/-2	4/-1
300	2/0	2/-1	4/1	5/1	6/2	6/2	6/2
Glen	0/-2	3/2	6/3	7/5	8/5	8/5	8/5
Freezing Level*	300m	600m	900m	1100m	1200m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
After a promising start to the morning cloud increases and lowers, strengthening winds and temperatures only slowly rising from below zero make conditions feel bitterly cold.

Forecast for Friday 24 Feb 2023
Weather: Overnight rain will clear south as clear periods increase before dawn. After a frosty start, the day will be dry with sunny periods throughout.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 25-30mph gust 40mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the early morning gradually increasing to 80% by late afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Cloud will be broken at 600-700m at first but will slowly clear to scattered at 800-900m by the afternoon. Out of the cloud the visibility will be very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero to minus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700m lowering to 400m by evening.

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